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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to and all the advantages of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014512, filed on December 2, 2004, which claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. GB 0328236.5, filed on December 5, 2003.

Please replace paragraph [0010] beginning at line 19 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

[0001] In accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention there is provided a treated kaolin containing silicone rubber composition consisting essentially of: [[-]]

- (i) ~~an organopolysiloxane having a viscosity of 1,000,000 centistroke (mm²/s)~~ one or more polymers which have the formula
$$\text{R}_2\text{R}^1\text{SiO}[(\text{R}_2\text{SiO})_x(\text{RViSiO})_y\text{SiR}_2\text{R}^1]$$

wherein each R is the same or different and is an alkyl group containing 1-6 carbon atoms, a phenyl group or a 3,3,3-trifluoroalkyl group, preferably each R group is a methyl or ethyl group; R¹ is a hydroxy group or an alkenyl group, x is an integer and y is zero or an integer and x + y is between 700 and 10 000;

- (ii) treated kaolin
(iii) a curing agent; and
(iv) optional additives selected from the group of one or more rheology modifiers, pigments, colouring agents, anti-adhesive agents, plasticizers, adhesion promoters, blowing agents, fire retardants and dessicants[[.]],

which composition is substantially free of reinforcing fillers.